



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Nurse Aide Waiver of Education FAQs

- ***Who is eligible for a waiver of nurse aide training?***

In South Dakota, nursing students who have gone through and successfully completed their fundamentals in nursing courses through an approved SD nursing program (with a grade of C or higher) can apply for a waiver.

Go to the BON website and download, complete, and send in the application and transcripts as instructed on the form:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/RequesttoWaive75hourNATrainingApplication.pdf>

- ***What type of proof do I need to submit to the Board, in order to show I've successfully passed my nursing courses?***

Follow the instructions on the waiver form, which indicate that you should submit copies of your transcripts along with your waiver application:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/RequesttoWaive75hourNATrainingApplication.pdf>

- ***As a nursing student, can I "clep out" of the written and skills competency evaluations once I have the waiver?***

No. Successfully passing the written and skills competency evaluations are a requirement in order to be placed on the SD nurse aide registry.

- ***Once I have my certification as a nurse aide, do I have to do anything else to keep it current? Does nursing school class count as annual training?***

In SD, a minimum of 12 hours of annual attendance at a minimum of 12 hours of in-service education related to results of performance review and of special resident needs is required in order to keep your certification current and meet requirements for renewal. Nursing school courses do not count as annual in-service training. In addition, you must show proof of employment as a nurse aide for a minimum of 8 hours during the preceding 24 months.

- ***I have training in another healthcare field. Can I apply for a waiver of nurse aide education?***

In South Dakota, only nursing students can apply to have the nurse aide training waived. If you have training in another healthcare field, you will need to enroll in a nurse aide training program and be evaluated by the instructor. For further information, review this form on the Board's website:

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/assets/IndividualsEducatedinOtherHealthcareFields.pdf>

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<http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=44:04:18>

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